***The Empty Tomb***

***Student Version***



Set up the tomb.

Behind the tomb, have these figures, ready to be moved into place:

Mary Magdalen

The other Mary

The Angel

Jesus

Two soldiers

Light candle.

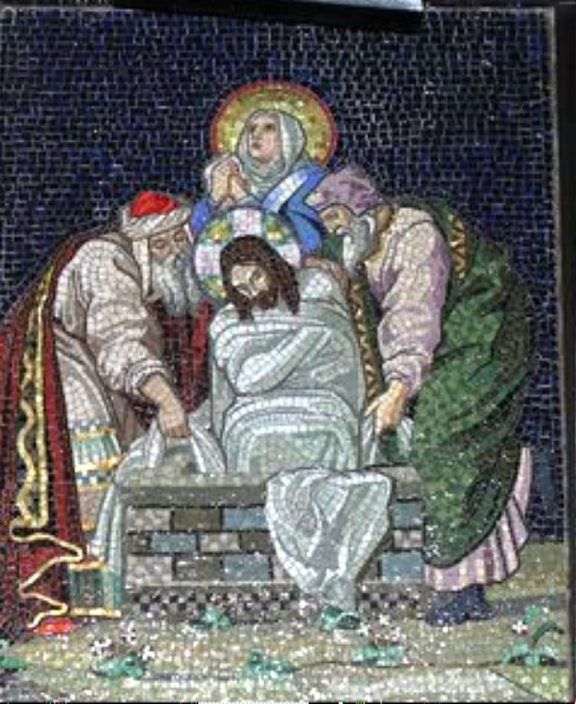
# Mt 27: 57-66 Jesus in The Tomb

That evening a rich man named Joseph came to Jerusalem. He was a follower of Jesus.

Joseph went to Pilate and asked to have Jesus’ body. Pilate gave orders for the soldiers to give it to Joseph.

Then Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth.

He put Jesus’ body in a new tomb that he had cut in a wall of rock.



Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and left.

Roll the stone in front of the tomb.

But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.

Place the two women facing the tomb. Wait a little while, and then take them away out of sight.

The next day the chief priests gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember that this man while still alive said, 'After three days I will be raised up.'

Order that the grave be guarded, in case his disciples come and steal him and say he has been raised from the dead.'

Pilate said to them, "Take the guard; go secure it as best you can."

So they went and fixed the tomb with a seal and set the guard.

Place the two guards in front of the tomb



# The Resurrection

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

Bring the two women to the front of the tomb.

And there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.

Bring the angel to the tomb, roll back the stone, and place the angel above it.

His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow.

The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men.

Have the soldiers fall over and lie down.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Open up the tomb and have the women go beside the resting place. Open up the cloths – Jesus is not there

Go quickly and tell his disciples 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.'

Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to tell his disciples.

Have the women leave and go around to the side of the tomb; then have the soldiers leave.

And Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet.

Have a figure of Jesus meet the women beside the tomb.

Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Take the figure of Jesus and put him out of sight behind the tomb.

Move the women some distance further, but still in view.

Extinguish candle.